

Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) made the following statement regarding Federal grants awarded to Wisconsin being returned to Washington as well as news that Wisconsin may refuse Title I education funding:

“Scott Walker is channeling Sarah Palin and wants to take us down a road to nowhere.

“Wisconsin has traditionally ranked at the bottom when it comes to a return of our taxpayer dollars. In 2009 we jumped from 48th to 21st, and that’s in large part due to a 128 percent increase in grant funding coming to the state. Returning money to Washington will just drive us back down.

“It started with the return of \$800 million to build high speed rail, leading to the creation of jobs in Illinois and California. Now he’s returning tax dollars that would have increased broadband in schools and helping people file complaints with their insurance companies. What’s next? Governor Walker has taken a twisted view of our state’s motto. It’s Forward, not backwards.

“And if he does indeed refuse funding for schools that educate our state’s poorest kids, it’ll be a punch to the gut. If he wants to shut down these schools, he should just come out and say it. Let’s have that debate. It’s hard enough for our kids to learn today, and without this funding, our kids won’t stand a chance.

“Someone needs to let Scott Walker know that Sarah Palin doesn’t share Wisconsin values. But, based on protests in Madison, there are many Wisconsinites who seem to want him to follow one page out of her playbook – retire early.”

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